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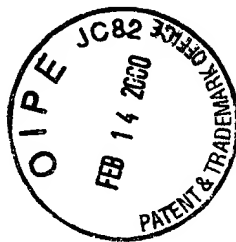
In re Application of:

NGUYEN

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For: IMPROVED COLLET ASSEMBLY AND
MANUFACTURING PROCESS



Examiner: Mark Henderson

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 11/9/99, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figure 7 to include the labels on the Tab inner concave surface 50A and Tab outer convex surface 50B. A pen-and-ink proposed drawing change has been enclosed.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following at Page 11, line 2, following the sentence ending in "devices," and before the sentence commencing in "These": "A further detail that can be observed from Figure 7 is the shape of the Tab 50. On it's inner, tool-engaging surface 50A, the Tab 50 has a concave shape; on its outer, housing-engaging side 50B, the Tab has a convex shape. These shapes cooperate to cause the inner surface 50A of the Tab 50 to grasp an inserted tool when the outer surface 50B is forced against the housing 36. Similarly, the Struts 48 each have an inner concave surface 48A and an outer convex surface 48B."